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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

TACHC's 31st Annual Conference - Westin Galleria Dallas - October 5-8, 2014.
[Click Here](#) to make Hotel Reservations.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Holds Regional Title V Maternal and Infant Health Stakeholder Meetings

Through July and August, DSHS will host regional stakeholder meetings to solicit input for a Five-Year Needs Assessment for the Maternal and Child Health Services (Title V) Block Grant. Even if you are not a Title V recipient, this may be a good opportunity to provide input on the delivery of maternal and child health services in the state. Upcoming stakeholder meetings will be in El Paso. For more info and to register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Accounting for MSFW Patients: Who Should Be Counted in UDS

All health centers are required to report the number of their Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) in their UDS data, especially 330(g) designated health centers. However, health center MSFW patient numbers have been steadily declining over the past several years, even with the recently expanded definition HRSA provided for UDS reporting in 2012. This webcast will provide all health centers with a review of the UDS expanded definition and highlight some best practices to appropriately identify and screen MSFW patients so that health center UDS reports better account for their MSFW patients. A modified screening tool will be re-introduced to help guide the screening and identification process and relevant case scenarios will also be provided. [Register for the webcast and more information](#).

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

Community Health Systems Hospital Network Has Patient Data Stolen

Health centers with hospitals in their areas owned by Community Health Systems (CHS) should be aware that 4.5 million patients had their data stolen from the CHS network. [Click here](#) for the news article, and be vigilant to follow internal patient identification and privacy policies to ensure the stolen data is not improperly used at your health center.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Upcoming TACHC CPI Webcast Series: The Medical Neighborhood - Coming to Agreement with Specialty Care

Part 1 September 19, 9-11am CST

Part 2 October 17, 9-11am CST

Please join us for our next Compliance and Performance Improvement webcast series. In Part 1, Carol Greenlee, MD FACP FACE will discuss the current challenges to referral coordination in our health care system and share

approaches for improving referral coordination for health center patients. Homework will be assigned. In Part 2, TACHC staff will present the results of the homework survey to show participants how they are doing on select referral issues compared to their peers. Staff will offer recommendations on how to address evident gaps in referral coordination and thereby improve access and quality of care for health center patients. Click [HERE](#) to find links to detailed agendas and registration. For more information contact **Cecile Carson**.

Improve Population Health by Working with Communities – The Guide for Community Action 1.0

Download the free guide for community action, **Improving Population Health by Working with Communities - Action Guide 1.0**, developed by the National Quality Forum.

Free Webcast: Soft Surfaces Contamination in HealthCare Settings

On Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 1:30 pm (Central Time) McKesson Medical-Surgical Inc. will host a Free Webcast on the topic of Soft Surfaces Contamination in HealthCare Settings. Soft surfaces in healthcare play a role in infection transmission. Recent research looks at the evidence related to contamination of textiles and practical recommendations for eliminating infectious bacteria from soft surfaces. Continuing education credits are available. [Click Here for More Information and to Register.](#)

GROUP PURCHASING

Neurontin Settlement

In case you have not received word directly, please be aware that there is a legal settlement involving Neurontin. If your health center has ever purchased Neurontin, you may be eligible to be included in the settlement. If you do not want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself from the settlement. The exclusion deadline is 9/30/14. To submit a claim to be included in the settlement, it must happen electronically at www.neurontinsettlement.com by 10/15/14. For more information about the settlement and claim forms, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Henry Schein's Equipment and Educational Expo

Henry Schein's Equipment and Educational Expo will be Friday, September 12th, 2014, in Houston. There will be fantastic educational series for those interested in CEU credit and knowledge on ICD-10 and or Healthcare Reform. All of the Henry Schein vendors will be on hand for members to meet and see available equipment. View demos and show specials for those that attend on price breaks and specials. For conference flyer [CLICK HERE](#). For conference booklet and registration form [CLICK HERE](#).

OUTREACH

Texas Represents at NACHC CHI

TACHC's online reporting tool for CACs was chosen to be featured on a poster at the NACHC-Community Health Institute and EXPO in San Diego next week. TACHC staff RexAnn Shotwell and Andrea Abel will be presenting the tool, so be sure to stop by!

Additionally, Outreach Director, Christian Munoz with Nuestra Clinica Del Valle, was invited to San Diego to speak on an all-star panel of O&E experts from different states to share his experience in using the tool as a best practice and what his health center is doing to prepare for the second round of Open Enrollment!

R&R

TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities

With great enthusiasm, we continue in our mission to support member organizations in fulfilling their clinical and administrative staff workforce needs. As such, TACHC recruitment staff will be speaking with attendees at the Texas Nurse Practitioner's Conference in San Antonio, September 4th-7th. If your center has a new Nurse Practitioner opportunity that you would like us to help you recruit for at this event, click **HERE** and complete the easy online position profile by COB Tuesday September 2, 2014. We are also pleased to announce that TACHC recruitment staff will be speaking with residents specializing in: Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Family Medicine and Physician Assistants along with 3rd year medical students who have not yet decided on a specialty at HealthMatch in Amarillo, September 11th. If your center has any new opportunities please submit a profile by COB September 9, 2014. Have questions or need assistance? Contact **Danielle Ramos**, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.

NEWS

Congratulations to the following health centers for receiving the **Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval** for re-accreditation.

Su Clinica, Harlingen, TX (Laboratory Health Care Program)

United Medical Centers, Eagle Pass, TX (Ambulatory Health Care Program)

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